

GERO, Erno

Until his appointment as 1st Sec'y, the first deputy premier, economic czar, and the number two Communist in Hungary. A 58-year old Jew and a party member since 1918, he has a doctrinaire Muscovite background and served before WWII as a Soviet trouble shooter in various European Communist parties. Has recently served before (himself) briefly as secretary of the Hungarian party--was in that position from autumn 1944 to January 1945 (when Rakosi returned to Hungary).

KADAR, János

Believed to be a leader of the moderate non-Muscovite party faction, 44 years old, a Communist since 1931, he is currently 1st secretary of important Pest County party organization. Appointed to Politburo in 1945 he was purged in 1951, reportedly because of rightist deviations. Freed in 1954, he presumably favors a Nagy-type regime.

NAGY, Imre

Former Hungarian premier (July 1953 to April 1955) and a Rakosi-enemy, he is a leader of the "moderate" party faction. Has been without party or government post since Rakosi ousted him in April 1955. Accused last month in a Central Committee resolution of being the nucleus of growing right wing, anti-party forces. A 52 year old Jew and party member since 1920, (with 14 years spent in the USSR) his policies as premier stressed democratization of party and national life and immediate rise in living standards.

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MATYAS Rakosi

Party First Secretary since 1944, old line Kossuthite, 65.  
Jewish. Active in the Communist movement since the Russian  
Revolution, and was known as "Stalin's best pupil".

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